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**MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES INMATES TO PREPARE  
BEA GADDY'S THANKSGIVING DINNER TURKEYS  
800+ birds will be prepped at Hagerstown Meat Plant**

**Truck arrives Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

TOWSON, MD (November 4, 2005)---Once again this year, Maryland Correctional Enterprises (formerly State Use Industries), the prison industry arm of the Maryland Division of Correction, will help Bea Gaddy's nationally famous annual Thanksgiving dinner effort by handling preparation of more than 800 turkeys. ***The donated Shady Brook Farms turkeys will arrive at the MCE plant near the Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10 a.m.***

Once the turkeys thaw-out, approximately 70 inmates will de-bone and cook the birds, preparing them for their final destination: the largest goodwill effort on Thanksgiving in Maryland, and one of the largest on the East Coast, if not in all of the nation.

The late Bea Gaddy, a Baltimore Councilwoman and tireless champion of the poor and homeless, relied for years on State Use Industries and the Division of Correction to help with her massive holiday effort, which feeds tens of thousands of people. This year, Bea's family and supporters again turned to State Use for help.

Annually, Maryland Correctional Enterprises provides millions in savings for Maryland taxpayers by producing everything from envelopes to furniture to uniforms and meat products for state agencies and non-profits. MCE also provides invaluable job training for inmates.

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**NOTE: Reporters wishing to cover the truck's arrival or learn more about the processing of the turkeys during the week of Nov. 14, please call the number above.**

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